

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Eckhard Nordhoff et al.

Examiner:

Appl. No.: 10/576,644

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Title: **METHOD AND DEVICES FOR DEPOSITING SAMPLES ON AN ELECTRICALLY SHIELDED SUBSTRATE**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(b)

Dear Sir:

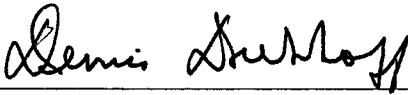
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely reply to a decision in response to Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48 filed on November 16, 2007. The date of the decision is May 8, 2008. The decision dismissed the Petition without prejudice. The decision allowed a request for reconsideration to be filed within two months of the mailing date of the decision, which could be extended for four months for a total of six months, thereby having the final date of response to the decision being November 8, 2008.

The Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48 dated November 16, 2007, relates to a change of inventorship with the addition of four inventors not named in the initial filing. The petition was dismissed without prejudice because (1) there was no consent of the assignee to the proposed change in inventorship and (2) copies of declarations of each individual inventor contained misnumbered signature pages of the inventors.

In response to the decision dated May 8, 2008, Applicants now have a declaration signed by the assignee providing consent to the change of inventorship and a new declaration for the application signed by each of the inventors, the former inventors and the recently added inventors. Already submitted to the file on November 16, 2007, are declarations signed by each inventor providing facts about inventorship. Since the signed declarations are already in the file, they are not being resubmitted. Separately, Applicants are now submitting an assignment document signed by all applicants.

The entire delay in filing the required reply to the decision from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) was unintentional. The small entity of \$810 for this petition should be charged to Deposit Account No. 22-0259, as well as any additional charges or credits.

Respectfully submitted,

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